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21. (new) A multi-purpose mobile cordless phone system capable of communicating voice/sound, data and/or visual image signals selectively either with a local base station within a cellular phone network or with a local-loop connection within a fixed telephone network; the system comprising a cordless phone which may communicate with one or more mobile transponder units having the same cellular network phone number, only one transponder unit being active at a given time; all signals are communicated via the active mobile transponder unit, communication with a local-loop being enabled when the active mobile transponder unit is physically connected to the latter either via a docking station within a suitable base station or via a direct cable link when the active mobile transponder unit contains a suitable fixed network interface.

22. (new) A multi-purpose mobile cordless phone system according to Claim 21, wherein the base station incorporates means for re-charging the battery pack of the mobile transponder unit and/or the cordless phone.

23. (new) A multi-purpose mobile cordless phone system according to Claim 21, wherein the active mobile transponder unit incorporates means to automatically detect whether it is physically connected to a local-loop connection within a fixed telephone network and, if so, outgoing calls may be routed via the local-loop; when the active mobile transponder unit detects it is connected to a fixed telephone network, it may automatically advise the

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Cellular Network Control Centre to divert any incoming calls made to the cellular phone number of the mobile transponder unit via the fixed network telephone number of the local-loop connection, the base station automatically providing a signal to the mobile transponder unit advising the fixed network telephone number of the local-loop.

- (new)
24. A multi-purpose mobile cordless phone system according to Claim 21, wherein a base station incorporates means to automatically detect whether the active mobile transponder unit has been inserted; during periods when a mobile transponder unit has not been inserted into the base station or if the inserted transponder unit is not active, the base station may automatically divert any incoming calls made to the fixed network number of the connected local-loop via the cellular network phone number of the mobile transponder unit, the transponder unit automatically providing a signal to the base station advising the cellular network phone number of the mobile transponder unit when the latter has been inserted into the base station.
- (new)
25. A multi-purpose mobile cordless phone system according to Claim 21, wherein the cordless phone incorporates a QWERTY keyboard, the latter having a hinged split along a longitudinal line which may divide the keyboard symmetrically or asymmetrically.